COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES SECRETARIAT

Issue of further instructions *re*: Adoption of I.S.I. Specifications in the purchase of stores by Government Departments.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

No. CI 23 MSP 64, DATED BANGALORE, THE 20TH APRIL 1964
(CHAITRA 30, SAKA ERA 1886).

The attention of the Heads of Departments is invited to Official Memorandum No. CI 82 MSP 61, dated 12th October 1961 wherein instructions were issued that all Indian Standards including specifications, codes of design and practice and model bye-laws, etc., should be adopted on publication by the Indian Standards Institution for the purpose of stores purchase and for guiding design and construction work in the public sector.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that Heads of Departments are still sending their indents to the Stores Purchase Committee with their own specifications without bearing in mind the specifications drawn up by the Indian Standards Institution and that so far the Stores Purchase Committee has not received a single indent conforming to the specifications adopted by the Indian Standards Institution.

The specifications drawn up by the Indian Standards Institution are in fact very useful and full advantage should be taken of them by the indenting departments while requisitioning stores. Adoption of a uniform and standard specification will not only make the work of the indenting departments simple in selecting the stores but will also be of great help to all the tenderers in offering competitive offers as they will then be in possession of the actual requirements in all details.

In the circumtances all Heads of Departments are requested to see that, in the interest of economy and standardization, every endeavour is made, as far as possible, to send indents, in future, to Stores Purchase Committee conforming to the specifications drawn up and approved by the Indian Standards Institution.

In this connection attention is also invited to Official Memorandum No. CI 76 MSP 61, dated 27th July 1961, addressed to all Heads of Departments, etc., with a request to give preference to goods bearing Indian Standards Institution Certification Mark.

The Indian Standards Institution has intimated that it has been represented to them by one of their licensees that subordinate departments do not seem to be aware of such instructions and consequently preference which is enjoined by Government to be given to the I.S.I. marked goods, is not given. The Heads of Departments are therefore requested to impress upon the subordinate officers working under them the importance of giving preference to I.S I. certified products.

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